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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF KOREA
FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States has been free of African horse sickness, Japanese and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, dourine, glanders, surra, epizootic lymphangitis, Getah virus infection, horse pox, and contagious equine metritis for the last 2 years preceding export.
2. There has been no outbreak of vesicular stomatitis during the 2 years preceding export in the region where the animals originated.
(See No. 4 Other Information).
3. The animals have not been vaccinated for African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, vesicular stomatitis or venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis.
4. The animals originated from premises where there has been no outbreak of rabies, equine infectious anemia, equine piroplasmosis, equine viral arteritis, mange, Salmonella abortus equina, strangles, or anthrax, during the last 6 months prior to export.
5. The animals have been in a USDA-approved export isolation facility for at least 7 days and remained isolated until they are exported. (Name and address of isolation facility and dates of commencement and completion of isolation must be shown on the health certificate).
6. The horses have had no contact with any other horse except those of the same health status during the USDA-approved export isolation.
7. The animals are free from clinical evidence of equine influenza, rabies, mange, strangles, and equine rhinopneumonitis.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests during USDA preexport isolation.

1. Equine infectious anemia: agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test
2. Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE):

Unvaccinated animals: Hemagglutination inhibition (HI) test at 1:10
dilution or Complement-fixation (CF) test at
1:4 dilution

Vaccinated animals: Two HI tests OR
(inactivated vaccines
only) Two CF tests 2 weeks apart with no significant
rise in titer

3. Equine piroplasmiasis: CF test less than 2+ at 1:5 dilution OR
Fluorescent antibody test
4. Equine viral arteritis: Serum neutralization test at 1:4 dilution
5. Salmonella abortus equina: Serum agglutination test at 1:320 dilution
6. Vesicular Stomatitis: serum neutralization test, at 1:32 dilution
7. The animals have been vaccinated against equine influenza within 30 days of export. (The name of the vaccine and the date of the vaccination must be shown on the health certificate.)
8. The animals have been vaccinated against tetanus within 7 days of export. (The name of the vaccine and the date of vaccination must be shown on the health certificate.)

OTHER INFORMATION

1. All fodder, litter, and other materials supplied for the horses during the period of export isolation shall be sanitary and free from agents of animal infectious diseases, and shall be from the area where the animals originated.
2. All equipment, containers, vehicles and parts of the vessel or aircraft to be used for transportation of the animals were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using a disinfectant approved by USDA.
3. No significant rise in titer means less than a fourfold increase in titer over the titer of the first test. Example: first test results are: CF positive at 1:4 for EEE/WEE, retest 2 weeks later if negative at 1:16 dilution the animal may be shipped, if the titer is equal to or greater than 1:16 the animal may not be shipped. The simplest method to find a four fold increase is to multiply 4 times the initial titer (1:4x4 = 1:16).
4. Region should be interpreted as county and adjoining counties where the horses originated.
5. Vaccination other than required if used, must be shown on the health certificate.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.